

Service Date: November 4, 1993

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SERVICE REGULATION
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

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IN THE MATTER Of The Application)	
Of Conoco Pipe Line Company To)	
Increase Rates And Charges For Its)	UTILITY DIVISION
Gathering Service On Its Cut Bank)	DOCKET NO. 93.9.44
Station To Billings, Montana Crude)	ORDER NO. 5756
Petroleum Pipeline.)	

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DEFAULT ORDER GRANTING RATE INCREASE APPLICATION

BACKGROUND

On September 28, 1993, Conoco Pipe Line Company (Conoco or Applicant) filed an Application with the Montana Public Service Commission (PSC or Commission) pursuant to Sections 69-13-101 et seq., MCA, for an order authorizing the Applicant to increase rates and charges for gathering service on its Cut Bank Station to Billings, Montana crude petroleum pipeline. Conoco has filed a new Local Tariff Applying On Crude Petroleum Products (Montana PSC No. 9) noting the increase in rates.

On October 7, 1993, the PSC issued a Notice of Application and Intervention Deadline. A provision in that notice stated, "Persons interested in and directly affected by the Docket should file a Petition to Intervene with the PSC on or before October 27, 1993." No Petitions to Intervene have been received.

Having considered the Application and the documentation furnished by the Applicant in support of its Application and deeming itself fully advised in the premises, the PSC makes the following Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law:

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. No petition for intervention has been received.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. The PSC has jurisdiction over parties and proceeding in this matter.
2. The resulting rates are just and reasonable.

ORDER

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT:

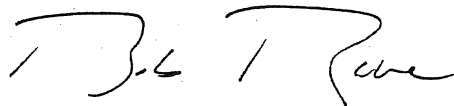
1. The approved rates shall be effective for service rendered on and after November 1, 1993.

DONE IN OPEN SESSION at Helena, Montana on this 1st day of November, 1993, by a 5-0 vote.

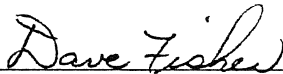
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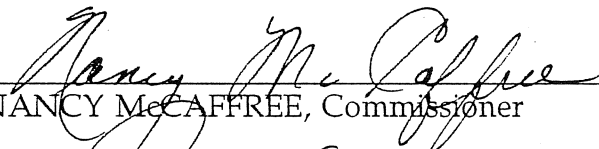
BOB ANDERSON, Chairman



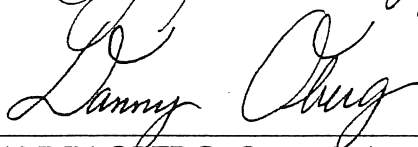
BOB ROWE, Vice Chairman



DAVE FISHER, Commissioner



NANCY McCAFFREE, Commissioner



DANNY OBERG, Commissioner

ATTEST:



Kathlene M. Anderson
Commission Secretary

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NOTE: Any interested party may request that the Commission reconsider this decision. A motion to reconsider must be filed within ten (10) days. See 38.2.4806, ARM.